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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Joint Computer Support

SUBJECT : MAP System Development Beyond the Inventory
and Requisitioning Modules

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 24 May 72 to D/L fr D/SIPS/TF,
subject: Implementation Plan

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1. At our monthly meeting on 12 February, [REDACTED] requested that we identify our priorities with respect to MAP development effort beyond the implementation of the Inventory and Requisitioning modules. Generally, our priorities remain as they were stated in the reference.

2. You are aware of the background of the early attempts to develop a Materiel Resources System (MRS) and the problems and disappointments connected with it. In May 1972, we reached agreement with the then Director of the SIPS Task Force to accept a "scaled-down" and phased version of the MRS in order to get off dead center and proceed with development. What we agreed to is contained in the reference. While some modifications have been made to that implementation plan and to our requirements for Phase I, we believe that the pattern for Phase I has been followed and we would hope that you would continue with Phases II, III, and IV accordingly.

3. The implementation plan represents our long-range priorities. Of more immediate concern, however, is the modification of the Inventory and Requisitioning modules after their implementation to build in those features which were not included in the original design. Some examples that we are aware of now are:

a. Machine logging of requisitions if volume of transactions permits.

b. Automatic transfer of demand data and assets from one stock number to another in a "consolidate with" action.

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c. Providing for unit of procurement as a data element in addition to unit of issue.

d. Integrating DIDS data into the Inventory module.

These are not a complete list of unfulfilled requirements but are representative of the types of things we would expect to have accomplished in order to increase the efficiency of the first modules to be implemented. Other deficiencies probably will surface when the modules are operational and would require correction before proceeding with intensive design and development of Phase II.

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